Decline in investment by multinational companies

2024. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that multinational companies have declined to invest their capital in the industrial areas in the country; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the steps Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b) No, Sir. There has been considerable buoyancy in approvals granted for foreign direct investment in the country as is evident from the comparative figures given below:—

Year	Total foreign investment approved in the proposals for foreign colaboration
	(Rs. in crores)
1990	128.32
1991	534.11
1992	3887.54
1993 (upto February)	2385.95

Suicide by NBC, Ballabgarh employees

2025. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many employees of N.B.C., Ballabhgarh have committed suicide due to the attitude of its management;

(b) if so, the number of such incidents occurred during the last three years and the reasons therefor; and

(c) what measues are being taken by Goverment to check the repressive activities of the management?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

Energy conservation by PSUs

2026. DR. SANJAYA SINH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any steps have been taken for energy conservation by each of the Public Sector Undertakings of the Department of Public Enterprises of his Ministry during the last three years till date; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b) The Department of Public Enterprises does not have any public sector undertaking under its administrative control. However, public sector undertakings have taken various steps for energy conservation during the last three years. These include proper maintenance of plant and machinery, replacement of energy inefficient equipmet by better ones, eliminating

idle hours through timer devices, effective recoveries of waste heat, use of alternative and cheaper sources of energy and energy audit.

छोटे पैमाने के रुग्ण उद्योगों के लिए बोर्ड

2027. **श्री सोमपाल** : क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या छोटे पैमाने के रुग्ण उद्योगों के पुनरुद्धार के लिए बोर्ड स्थापित करने का विचार रखती है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो यह बोर्ड कब तक गठित कर दिया जाएगा ;

(ग) क्या सरकार ने इस प्रकार के बोर्डों का अधिकार राज्य सरकारों को भी दिया है ; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार राज्यों द्वारा गठित बोर्डों की सिफारिशों को स्वीकार करेगी ?

उद्योग मंत्रालय (लघु उद्योग और कृषि तथा ग्रामीण उद्योग विभाग में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एस. अरुणाचलम) : (क) फिलहाल रुग्ण लघु उद्योगों को फिर से खोलने के लिए किसी बोर्ड की स्थापना करने का कोई प्रस्ताव नहीं है ।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

(ग) जी, नहीं ।

(घ) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

Problems of Okhla Industrial Area

2028. DR. NAUNIHAL SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Okhla Industrial Area has not been able to achieve its objectives;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is a fact that about fifty per cent of the industrial units attribute their sickness either to heavy power charges or harassment meted out by various authorities;

(d) whether it is also a fact that lack of coordination among various authorities is hitting hard the progress of industries in the area; and

(e) what steps Government have taken to remove bottlenecks and thereby improve the lot of industries in Okhla area with the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES) (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) No Sir, According to Delhi Administration, Industrial units located in Okhla Industrial Area are engaged in the manufacturing of wide wariety of items like engineering goods, electronics goods fabrication of garments, electrical appliances etc. and are doing well.

(c) According to that Administration, no survey has been conducted to identify sick units. However, that Admn. is in continuous touch with the industrial units and associations of industry and sickness of any significant magnitude has not come to their notice. However, power charges as well as procedures being enforced by respective agencies are uniformally being applied in all the estates. Hence, there is no question of any discrimination in respect of industrial units located in Okhla.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Not applicable in view of reply to part (c) above.